

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.14
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Mayo, Abijah House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	855 State Hwy
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	21-030
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1850
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Massachusetts Archives Building  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
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Assessor's  
Number

21/030

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

14

Town

Eastham

Place (neighborhood or village)

855 State Highway

Common Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

Construction

Mid 19th Century

See Bibliography\*

Form Gable-end, Side-entry Dwelling  
with Lateral Wing.

Architect/Builder

Foundation Material:

Foundation

Stone

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Modern, Free-standing, Gable-roofed Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

See Architectural Description.

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

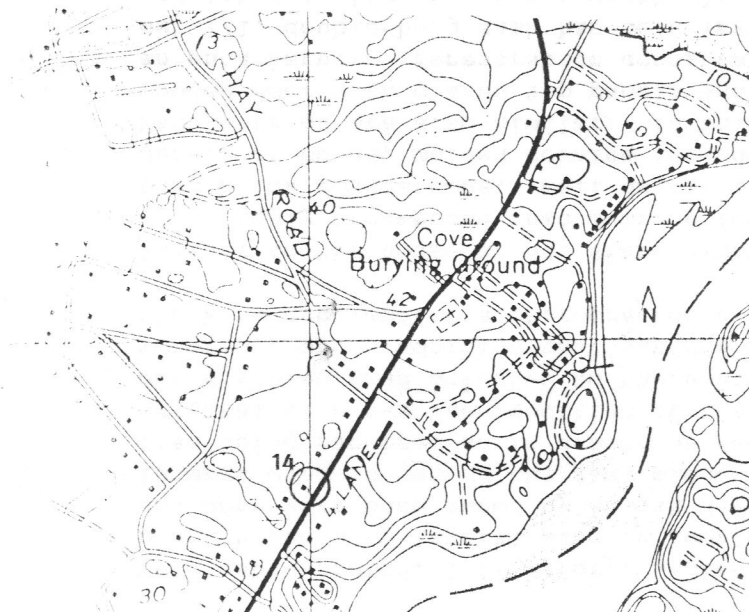
Acreage

.9 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,  
mixed-use, but largely residential section  
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,  
inter-community thoroughfare, the former  
county road and a continuation of the  
original Old King's Highway.



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## BUILDING FORM

855 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This gable-roofed, 1 1/2-story, L-plan, 3 x 2-bay, gable-end, side-entry, block house with lateral wing is nearly identical to that at 645 State Highway and both were once owned by Abijah Mayo. As is typical in Eastham, the lateral wing is set on the same plane as the facade of the main block rather than being recessed as is common on New England farmsteads. In this case, the original plan has been modified by the extension of a rectangular, 1-story, gable-roofed shed attached to the southwest corner of the lateral wing and a modern, 1-story addition that extends north beyond the full width of the main block to accommodate a chiropractor's office.

Similar to the house at 645 State Highway (See Form No. 13), this house is more highly ornamented than average for Eastham and both have stone rather than brick foundations. Wall detail includes paneled pilasters and eaves detail of boxed, molded cornice includes a wide frieze, divided into 2 parts. Main entries are also similar. In this case, it is comprised of 6-panel, wooden door with glazed top panels and includes paneled pilasters supporting an entablature. Fenestration consists primarily of 6/6, double-hung windows, but 2/1, double-hung sash has been installed on the first level of the facade and lateral wing and on the north elevation. Both houses have an additional, tiny window openings in the peak of the facade gable. In this case, jealousy sash has been installed. Window surrounds include a small shelf or entablature. As is typical in Eastham, the facade gable contains 3 bays of closely-placed windows. Louvered blinds are replacements.

Headroom in the upper story of the lateral wing is expanded by a shed dormer with small, banded, 2/2, double-hung sash. An interior chimneys appears to have been removed from the ridge line of the main block. The only extant chimney is located on the lateral wing.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to title research on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives, this property, on which the house is very similar to that at 645 State Highway, was also owned at one time by Abijah Mayo (see 645 State Highway, Form No. 13). Abijah purchased the holding, which included 2 pieces of land: 5 acres west of County Road and 9 acres east of County Road, from Henry K. and Mary A. Cobb in 1857 (Bk. 66, Pg. 118) Abijah Mayo sold the property in 1863 (Bk. 81: Pg. 231) to Obed C. Smith. He is listed as a laborer in the 1901 Directory of Eastham.

Alberto E. Smith, son of Obed, and Gideon L. Smith (relationship undefined) inherited the property from Obed C. Smith (Docket No. 14712) in 1908. The second sold it to Bertha C. King in 1911 who transferred it

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

     Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

855 State Highway  
Eastham

Area Form No. 14

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

(Bk. 316: Pg. 486) a year later to Nora F. Garrison and Emma M. Garrison of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The former sold her share (Bk. 413; Pg. 546) to Emma M. Garrison who retained the property until 1938 when Hazel M. (Garrison) Estrada sold it (Bk. 546; P. 324) to Louise and Harriet Pantosse who also purchased property from the estate of Emma Garrison the next year. No biographical information on the above owners was located in Deyo or Lowe's histories or in Smith's vital records.

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